

MASSACHUSETTS Early Intervention System

Mission Statement:

Massachusetts Early Intervention is a viable system that builds upon supports and resources for family members and caregivers to enhance the development and learning of infants and toddlers through individualized, developmentally appropriate intervention embedded in everyday activities.

Core Values:

RESPECT • INDIVIDUALIZATION • FAMILY CENTEREDNESS •
COMMUNITY • TEAM COLLABORATION

Key Principles of EI:

1. Infants and toddlers develop and learn through meaningful everyday experiences and interactions with familiar people in familiar places.
2. ALL families with the necessary supports and resources can enhance children's development and learning.
3. The primary role of the Early Intervention Specialist is to establish relationships and foster equal partnerships with family members and caregivers to enhance development and learning through the IFSP process.
4. Interventions must be based on developmentally appropriate practice, current research, and appropriate laws and regulations.
5. The Early Intervention process, from initial contact through transition, must be collaborative and individualized to reflect the child's and family members' priorities, learning styles and culture.
6. The service coordinator ensures that the family's priorities, needs and concerns are addressed through the IFSP team, coordinates the IFSP process and facilitates collaboration among all IFSP and community team members.
7. IFSP outcomes must be functional and based on children and family's needs, family identified priorities, and input from all members of the child's IFSP team.

Local EI Program Responsibilities:

- Determine Eligibility
- Family Participation
- Service Coordination
- IFSP Development
- IFSP Implementation
- Procedural Safeguards
- Policies/Procedures
- Quality Assurance

Clinical Expertise of Local EI Program Staff:

- Infant and Toddler Development
- Evaluation/Assessment
- Family Centered Services
- IFSP
- Service Coordination
- Intervention
- Team Collaboration
- Policy and Procedures



To make a referral, contact a local EI program. You can find a listing of certified Early Intervention programs serving your city or town at massfamilyties.org or by calling **1-800-905-8437**.

To learn more, visit mass.gov/dph/earlyintervention.